

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: FLOOR COVERING WITH BORDERS  
AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT


Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submits a Preliminary Amendment in connection with the U.S. Patent Application submitted concurrently herewith. This application is based upon an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) numbered PCT/GB00/01512 which has a priority application filed in Great Britain numbered 99/10023.2 filed on May 1, 1999, for the invention entitled "Floor Covering with Borders and Method of Making Same." Applicant requests that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered before examination of the above-referenced application.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-18.

Please enter the following Claims.

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19. A mat comprising a pile surface fabric and a rubber or rubber-like backing material connected to the pile surface fabric, wherein both the pile surface fabric and the backing material extend to the edge of the mat, and wherein the pile surface fabric is provided with a visually distinctive border portion that contrasts with the remainder of the pile surface fabric and that extends along at least a portion of the edge of the pile surface fabric.
  20. The mat according to Claim 19, wherein the border portion of the pile surface fabric extends along the entire perimeter of the pile surface fabric.
  21. The mat according to Claim 19, wherein the edge of the mat comprises a cut edge, whereby the cut edge is the result of a single cutting operation through the pile surface fabric and the backing material.